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1. A/SY/FO AND A/FBO AGAIN REVIEWED REFTELS AND PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS IN LOBBY AREA. RSO'S RATIONALE ON THREE EXTERNAL ACCESS POINTS INTO THE LOBBY ARE UNDERSTOOD, BUT AFTER REVIEWING FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS LEVIED ON THE MARINE GUARD UNDER THIS CONCEPT, IT WAS NOTED THAT AT LEAST 13 FUNCTIONS WHICH INCLUDES ONLY REMOTE OPERATED LOCKS AND MONITORING CCTVS WITH AUDIO PICK-UPS, BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE OTHER CONTROLS REQUIRED OF THE MARINE TO THE REAR HALLWAY OF THE EMBASSY, NOR ACCESS TO THE CONSULAR AREA.
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IT IS BELIEVED TAT ALL THESE FUNCTIONS WOULD PRESENT A

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DISTRACTING INFLUENCE THAT WOULD AFFECT HIS EFFICIENCY
AND ABILITY TO REACT IN ANY GIVEN SITUATION. THEREFORE,
CONCUR WITH POST THAT NO CHANGES TO EXISTING LOBBY MAIN
ENTRANCE BE MADE. HOWEVER, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT AN IN-
TERNAL TRANSPARENT BALLISTIC RESISTANT BARRIER BE INSTALLED
ACROSS THE EXISTING BOSTWICK GATE. SINCE PACKAGE CONTROL
AND INSPECTION SHOULD BE CONDUCTED OUTSIDE THE BUILDING

PROPER, IT IS ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT THE PLANNED WALK-
THROUGH METAL DETECTOR AND PACKAGE INSPECTION POINT BE
PLACED AS PROPOSED BY THE RSO BETWEEN THE OUTER AND INNER
BARRIER OF THE ABOVE MODIFIED ENTRYWAY.

2. THE RSO'S ASSESSMENT THAT THE MARINE GUARD AND RE-
CEPTIONIST SHOULD BE COMPLETELY ENCLOSED WITH BALLISTIC
RESISTANT MATERIALS IS CONCURRED IN. IT IS SUGGESTED
THAT THE POST EXPLORE FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING THIS
ENCLOSURE WITH UPPER PORTION IN TRANSPARENT BALLISTIC
MATERIAL LEXGARD FACED WITH 1/4" SAFETY GLASS, AND LOWER
PORTION WITH BALLISTIC RESISTANT ALUMINUM. CONSULT CA
7405 DATED 12/12/75 FOR BALLISTIC RESISTANT REQUIREMENTS.
THE POST SOULD ALSO CONSIDER A BANK TELLER TYPE INSTALL-
ATION WITH A DEPRESSED PASS SLOT DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF
THE MSG AND RECEPTIONIST. IN THIS REGARD TWO DIAGRAMS
OF LEXGARD SYSTEMS THAT COME IN KIT FORM ARE BEING
POUCHED YOUR POST.

3. CONCERNING CONTROL OF ENTRY INTO COMMERCIAL CENTER,
ELECTRICAL LOCKING FEATURES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE RSO
SHOULD BE PROVIDED, BUT UTILIZED FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY.
AFTER DISCUSSION WITH USIS (IOS) IT IS THEIR VIEW AND
CONCURRED IN BY SY THAT THE BEST SOLUTION WAS PROVIDED
BY THE RSO. HOWEVER, IN THIS CASE, WITH THE PRESENCE
OF THE ARMED CONTRACT GUARD IN THE LOBBY, THE POST
SHOULD CONSIDER THE SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE OF PLACING A
DECORATIVE BARRIER APPROXIMATELY 4 1/2" TO 5 FEET HIGH,
SIMILAR TO THAT IN THE DEPARTMENT'S LOBBY AREAS. THIS
BARRIER SHOULD BE PLACED IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO CHANNEL
VISITORS TO THE COMMERCIAL CENTER DIRECTLY TO THE FRONT
OF THE MSG AND RECEPTIONIST, AND ONCE IDENTIFIED, CON-
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TINUE ON AND AROUND THE BARRIER IN ORDER TO GAIN ENTRY.
THIS WOULD NOT PREVENT A DETERMINED EFFORT TO CIRCUM-
VENT THIS BARRIER, BUT WOULD PROVIDE A TIME DELAY FACTOR.

4. FOR YOUR INFORMATION 1 1/4" LEXGARD WILL DEFEAT THREATS
CONSISTING OF PISTOL AND SUBMACHINE GUN FIRE UP TO THE
9MM LEVEL. THIS MATERIAL ALONE WILL NOT DEFEAT RIFLE
FIRE FROM THE M-15, AK-47, .30 CAL. CARBINE OR .30 CAL,

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BALL, M-2 AMMUNITION. PLACING 1/4 INCH SAFETY GLASS ON
THE IMPACT SIDE OF THE LEXGARD WILL PROVIDE PROTECTION
AGAINST THE AK-47 AND M-16 RIFLES. COST DIFFERENCE BE-
TWEEN 1" AND 1 1/4" LEXGARD IS MINIMAL. NO OBJECTIONS
TO POST'S UTILIZATION OF 1 1/4" THICKNESS.

5. A/FBO WOULD APPRECIATE SKETCHES AND DIAGRAMS OF
POST'S LOBBY MODIFICATION BASED ON ABOVE AND ALSO, IN VIEW
OF ALL PREVIOUS TRAFFIC CONCERNING THIS SUBJECT RE-
CAPITULATION OFTOTAL COST REQUIREMENTS WOULDBE HELPFUL. SISCO

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